

5/8/43
5th Student Sqd.
Class 43-22 Brk. 311
B.A.A.F. (F.G.S.)
Ft. Myers, Fla.

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Camp & stayed there for 6 months & then came here. And during this 6 month he hasn't drawn a bit of pay because they didn't have any of his papers. They was all in the Air Corp. Now he has got to go through here & then to some A.M. or Raedr School. What a mix up but that is the way it runs So that's that.

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as much as I do. The only way I'll know is when
I get there & one never knows where that will be. Boy
talk about your ~~hit~~ heat here I am just sitting here &
writting & swetting like a stuff pig would bleed. What a life
I guess the way to figure it out would be like this

heat + cold = warm It probly will be some time
N + S = OK before they figure this out but one
never knows what they will do next say what har! har!

Tell par that one of the boys that was in the next
bunk to me in N.C. is in the next bunk to me & quite a
few other from N.C. that I got acquainted with coming
down to Tenn. Over in the next Sqd. Geo. Silverman is going
to school & he started out with me from Portland. but
we was broken up when we left N.C. I came to Tenn.
& he went to St. Louis but came here a week after
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does. It don't matter much because when your only
in a place for a month you get to know each
other pretty fast anyway. You see we are together only
24 hr. out of the day anyway & for some reason or another we
get to know each other get it.

Well what do you know they are giving us a $\frac{1}{2}$ hr
brake this afternoon. But there must be something in the wind
because they never did it before. Oh well time will tell!

So I will dot down a few lines

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spring anyway. Did they get as many calls as they
us to in the spring time or was that just on the
account of some fire man like Bunny Rutledge that wanted
to make some money remember. Oh yar by the way
ask par what kind of Service ~~at~~ did Fred Perry get
into or is he still hanging around.

Well we had a little shower this afternoon which
lasted about 1 hr. more or less at last it was long
enough for us to get out of Calarstantei (exercises)
that is a help now but we will fell it Mon. because
that will make two days with out them & when we get them
they will fell tatt for awhile but nothing new.

Well we have been out on the 22 cal. range & 50 cal.
range & tomorrow we start skeet shooting with 72 gage
short guns some fun. Watch me miss them.

Nothing much more to write about so will have
to sign of. Love as always your son "Walt"

P.S. Wish you best of Luck with the
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P.S. cont. Save those check stubs & maybe
Someday I will get them out back to
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(let them know)

one of them
get it

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